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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
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October 11, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-27, 38  
and 39 are canceled; claim 28 is amended; and claims 29-37 are  
maintained.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.